



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 465

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Christopher Steven Lantz.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Christopher Steven Lantz; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lantz was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Oakland, Maryland, Chris Lantz was born on July 29, 1985, to Steven and Mary (Crum) Lantz; and

WHEREAS, he was a 2003 graduate of Southern High School, at which he was Salutatorian of his class, and he graduated first in his class in 2007 from West Virginia University (WVU), from which he earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering, and at which he was awarded the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, the Blue & Gold Scholarship, and a WVU Academic Grant; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the university, he served as an Engineering 101 Teaching Assistant, was named the 2007 WVU Foundation Outstanding Senior, and was inducted into three academic honors organizations; and

WHEREAS, during his college summers and before attending Vanderbilt University Law School, Mr. Lantz served with acumen and alacrity as an Information Technology Specialist with First United Bank and Trust in Oakland and as a project manager for Sycamore Systems in McHenry and Frederick, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, he served as Web site Project Chairman for the Oakland Rotary Club and received the Rotary's Service Above Self Award for outstanding service and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Chris Lantz also maintained his own computer consulting business, CL Corp., which supported small businesses with Web site design and computer networking, from 1998 until his passing; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his passing, Mr. Lantz was a third-year student at Vanderbilt University Law School, at which he was named an M. Lee Smith Scholar and was the recipient of a Dean's Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, he was elected President of the Vanderbilt Bar Association, which leads all Vanderbilt student organizations and coordinates school-wide community service projects; and

WHEREAS, Chris Lantz served estimably as the Technology Editor of the *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law*, and he served as a 2009 summer intern for Justice William C. Koch, Jr., on the Tennessee Supreme Court in Nashville and as a 2010 summer associate with the law firm of Kilpatrick Stockton in Atlanta, Georgia, at which Mr. Lantz had accepted a permanent position as an associate, which he was to begin upon his graduation from law school in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Vanderbilt chapter of the Federalist Society, which he served as Treasurer; he was the liaison to the Executive Committee of the society's national Intellectual Property Practice Group; he was a representative to the Young Lawyers Division of the Tennessee Bar Association; and he was Vice-President of the Vanderbilt Intellectual Property Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his academic and professional activities, Chris Lantz organized a racquetball league and an intramural soccer team at Vanderbilt and, when Nashville experienced unprecedented flooding in the Spring of 2010, he was instrumental in organizing teams of student volunteers to help with the clean-up of homes that were damaged in the floods; and

WHEREAS, his innumerable accomplishments aside, Mr. Lantz was also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his grandmother, Delilah Lantz; and

WHEREAS, Chris Lantz is survived by his parents; his brother, Evan Michael Lantz; his fiancée, Jillian Mazur, whom he met while both were attending WVU; his grandparents, Smith Lantz and William and Barbara Crum; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt University Law School held its commencement ceremony on May 13, 2011, honoring Chris Lantz by presenting his family and his fiancée with a certificate to recognize his accomplishments at the Law School and with the Vanderbilt Bar Association's (VBA) Philip G. Davidson III Memorial Award, which goes to the student chosen by the VBA's Board of Governors to recognize exemplary leadership in service to the Law School and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lantz's memory was further honored with a generous Class Gift pledge to Vanderbilt of \$60,000, most of which will go to support the Chris Lantz Award, which will be awarded annually to a graduate who, like Mr. Lantz, demonstrates a dedication to developing a sense of community among his or her class, a strong capacity for leadership, and a commitment to his or her legal studies; and

WHEREAS, Chris Lantz leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Christopher Steven Lantz, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lantz.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 21, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR